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Examiner: J. Mercado

In re the Application of: Teruhiko IMOTO et al.

Serial No.: 09/701,512

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FOR: HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY  
ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
THE SAME

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -  
GROUP ART UNIT 1745**

**BOX AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 29, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, the response due date having been extended to May 2, 2003 by a one-month Extension of Time, Applicants submit the following comments.

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 4 and 5 are rejected.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ise et al. in view of Rendina.